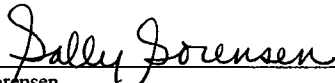


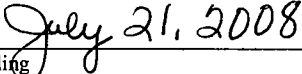
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims. This response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time extending the expiration of the period for reply from June 19, 2008 to July 19, 2008. Because July 19, 2008 fell on a Saturday, this response, which is being filed July 21, 2008, should be considered as having been timely filed. No other fee is believed owing with this communication. Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0842.

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